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## SCHOOL BOARD MAY CUT OFF SALARY OF SECRETARY AND HIRE OUTSIDER

This Is the Recommendation of President Carpenter. Executive Session Is Held on Superintendent.

There was a meeting of the school board Monday afternoon in the council chamber. Three seats were emptied and as quickly filled. There was a counting of the vote cast at Saturday's election, W. L. Peabody and Henry Welsch acting as tellers. They reported gravely that John Harper, E. Harland Irvin and W. H. Winter had been elected, so president Carpenter announced that they

were members of the board. Park Pitman had promised to come was a bit tardy. The members of the Then along came Park Pitman with his happy smile and he quickly united the three successful candidates to the bal- the board could investigate. ance of the board and the attendant

Then spake Harry Carpenter: "As I" is nearing the end of the present term and there is much work to be done, it is well that we choose our officers at Then John Harper nominated Carpenter for president, Peabody seconded the motion and the scepter was left in the hands of the same presi and left the room.

Peabody then nominated Dr. B. M. Worsham for vice president, Winter seconded the motion and the doctor was It required but a few seconds more for Winter, seconded by Peabody. to nominate Harper for secretary and executive session, but in all probability expenditures made by this board, to when owned by the municipality."—
he got it, but it will be minus the \$50 there will be a meeting Tuesday night draw all warrants against vouchers apwhich has been his emoolument here-tofore, if the board follows the recommendation of the president.

President Had a Hunch.

The newly elected president must have known that he was to be chosen again to "rule the roost" for he handed out the names of his committees without hesitation. They follow: Inter-nal, Peabody and Worsham; external, Tooley and Irvin; finance, Harper and Winter. Perhaps lawyers know more about finances than bankers do and for

external committee.

things. The minutes of the last meeting were not read, that bore being dispensed with and the president also dispensed with the reading of the superintendent's report because, perhaps, there was none to be read, there being

at present no superintendent. The Superintendency.

Naturally this delicate matter of superintendency had to be handled by one used to discussing such officials, so Mr. Peabody, radiant in a shirtwaist of the newest pattern, arose and crowed pleasantly: "As one member of the internal committee, I would recommend that a superintendent be selected at

least temporarily." President Carpenter had unrolled a lot of letters and photographs of men who wanted the job, but W. H. Winter over and act as master of ceremonies in stepped on Peabody's toes with a request for further time. It was a similar request not very long ago that board tried to convince C. W. Fassett that he had the authority to swear them in, but Fassett had some doubts them in, but Fassett had some doubts to that and preferred not to get the first and preferred not the first and preferred not to get the first and preferred not the first and preferred not to get the first and preferred not the first and preferred not the first and preferred not the first a as to that and preferred not to set Dr. B. M. Worsham was selected as a kind that it is both wise and juditrustee and Tooley wanted the matter to go over another meeting so that the taxpayers and school patrons of El

Executive Session.

John Harper soon rushed into the

both assisting in the entertainment of who is not a school trustee, or in any the bankers, and therefore could not be, wise connected with the school affairs present at the meeting. Gaines went out of El Paso. It would be his duty to of interest and principal and sinking of office and Tooley wants to.

and a successor to F. M. Martin will be chosen. The opinion is generally expressed that N. R. Crozler, principal of this board for their signatures. the high school, who has been acting superintendent without any extra remuneration will get the job at least for

Carpenter's Report. The report of president Carpenter fol-

In view of the fact that the person nel of this board has undergone a that reason Tooley was placed on the Saturday, I therefore consider it proper at this time to submit a brief state-

the reorganization of this board. It has been my pleasure to have been honored with the position of president of this board during the scholastic term now ending, and I desire to assure the gentlemen constituting the board that I deeply appreciate the support and assistance they have rendered me during that period. Your loyalty and advice have very materially tended to lessen the burdens with which I have been charged. I know that your loyalty and devotion of your time and interest to the schools of El Paso, and your watchfulness over the matters of administration will undergo no change or abatement during the ensuing term. The past year has been a very trying one by reason of more or less dissension of the board and a lack at all times of earnest co-operation of all members of the board with the president, but I am satisfied that the misunderstandings which have taken place between the members have been brought about by

ministration, and also with reference to

Schools Make Progress. The schools during the past year have made remarkable progress in an increase of scholarship and in the perfecting of the school curriculum. The finances of the school have been the subject of considerable agitation during the past week, and I am pleased to state that our condition financially has considerably improved over previous years. In a city like El Paso, where we are experiencing a rapid growth, it is rather difficult in the administration of public affairs to administer the finances with the view of securing a large cash balance at the expiration of the school year. New pupils are constantly being enrolled and expenses are accordingly

of all and that every man compe

the board during that period of time

sought to follow his honest convictions

The citizenship of El Paso does not desire the practice of economy which is calculated to cripple the schools or retard their growth, but they ask for a wise and judicious expenditure of the school funds and desire to see some evidence of a return for the money they have expended. This sentiment is eminently proper, and you, as the trustees for the children of El Paso are charged with the duty of conserving their money and advancing the interest of the school as much as possible. Your service to the children of El Paso is one of voluntary performance. Your reward will be a consciousness of having performed your duty as your judgment dictates and the pride in building a good sys-

tem of schools for your city. I am satisfied that I can promise to you the hearty cooperation and good will of every citizen in El Paso, irrespective of whether or not he was opposed to your selection as a trustee. believe every citizen desires to strengthen your hands and have you freely consult him in reference to adminisclous for you to consult freely among

With reference to the reorganization breach and moved that the body go into of this board, I would suggest that as executive session. Henry Welsch, an early as possible you select a compeinterested spectator, who was himself tent superintendent for the purpose of so fond of executive sessions when he supervising the closing work of this sat on the school board, looked sadly scholastic year, I further suggest that at his successor, turned on his heel it would be both economical and secure a larger degree of proficiency if W. L. Tooley and W. L. Gaines were you would select a clerk for this board,

> It would also be his duty to distribute those warrants to the payee and obtain his receipt therefor, reporting back to this board in a statement each and every month the expenditures of the school and the purpose for which same were made.

A Purchasing Agent.
It would further be the duty of this Then came president Carpenter's re- ment embodying my views on school ad- wise specifically directed by a major- chairman.

Hard Work—

"Spring Fever"

Weather

Drink

it's not "wet" enough.

Weariness and thirst follow.

"Bracers" won't do-there's a

come back. Water doesn't satisfy

ity vote of this board. This clerk can be compensated for these services in giving his entire time to the city school by receiving the \$50 now paid to the secretary of this board, and relieving him of practically all work that he has to perform. Twenty-five dollars per month could be deducted from the salary now paid the secretary of the superintendent and added to the clerk's salary, then this board would be required to appropriate approximately \$25 per month additional, making a salary of \$100 per month, so as to enable you retary to the superintendent now receives a larger salary than ninety per cent of the teachers in your publ schools, and has less exacting work to

The appointment of a clerk would re lieve this secretary of a considerable portion of the duties now performed by her. I would further suggest that al purchases of any magnittude and all contracts be determined by competitive their honesty of purpose upon the part

To Teach German and French

It is also suggested that it would be advisable to add to our high school cur and judgment in the administration of riculum an additional chair, teaching ooth German and French. If this is done, it will result in affiliating our high school with practically all colloges and universities in the United States, and would cause our high school to rank among the first.

I have been informed by Professor Crozier that Wellesley School has just placed us on its accredited list with he advice, however, to add the modern house. Howard recalls a \$250 loan to languages of German and French as soon as convenient.

I believe and recommend to you that Mrs. Jeffries, Sr., prepares for a great reception at her home. Mrs. Jeffries, sr., you create this new department. I am foolishly encourages a dangerous inti-macy with Underwood which the latter satisfied that the city council will give It their approval and that it will meet with the approval of the taxpayers.

To Make Public Reports.

I would further suggest that at an early date you visit the various schools of the city for the purpose of ascertaining our wants for the ensuing scholastic year. You will unquestionably find that because of the rapid in- financial straits. Merchants for whom crease in the scholastic population and he has acted as commissioner in because of the rapid growth of El Pase, sale of art treasures demand an acadditional school rooms will be necessary, and to enable you to procure these rooms it will be necessary to apartments in an intoxicated condition make an exact and intelligent report to borrow money. He asks Underwood to the mayor and city council, selecting their aid in securing the necessary debt up to his eyes. Howard drinks himself into a maudling condition Mrs. oney to finance your improvements. In conclusion I desire to urgently Jeffries, sr., arrives as Howard sleeps making public monthly reports of the condition of your schools, the amount his life, pointing to the disgrace that of money expended in maintaining same and the purpose therefor, and would attach to herself from being associated with a suicide. Underwood refuses to promise unless she will renew also recommend that a copy of this report be submitted each month to the city council for the purpose of keeping that body advised in reference to the manner in which you are administer-ing the a fairs of the school and demonstrating the juestion of whether body of Underwood, Realizing his serior not you are properly handling the

Respectfully submitted. H. A. Carpenter.

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF A VOTE FOR MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS

from the books of the water company and included in the report of Robert W. Hunt Co., we estimate the total cost of operating the waterworks is \$61,700; arbitrary charge for renewals, \$14,500; operating cost plus renewals, \$76,200; estimated income first year, \$150,000; leaving an estimated amount available view of this showing, we believe that amount necessary to carry the payment of office and Tooley wants to.

No superintendent was named at the of the school, to keep books showing out of the operations of the plant itself committee, James R. Harper, chair-

> YOU SAVE MONEY IF YOU VOTE FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

"The city is now paying nearly \$20,000 a year for its fire hydrants, sewers and street sprinkling. Five years hence, if this city continues to grow, the cost of this service alone to the city will be equivalent to the annual payment of \$30,000 in discharge of the debt incurred change by reason of the election held on clerk to make all purchases of every to the purchase of the present waterfor the schools of the city unless other-water committee, James R. Harper,

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dissipation, marries the daughter of a

gambler who died in prison, and is dis-

college, he tried to get work and falls.

His wife, Annie, is straight as a die, and

has a heart of gold. A former college

Howard which requires \$2,000 cash, and

Howard is broke. Robert Underwood.

who made love to Annie in his col-

lege days and was repulsed, and was

once engaged to Howard's stepmother,

Alicia, is a welcome visitor at the Jef-

ries home. Underwood has apartments

Underwood that remains unpaid and de-

takes advantage of until he becomes a sort of social highwayman. Discover-

ing his true character, Mrs. Jeffries, sr.

denies nim the house, but receives a

note from Underwood threatening sui-

cide unless she revokes her sentence

see him. Underwood is in desperate

counting. Underwood cannot make good,

Howard Jeffries calls at Underwood's

on a sofa. She demands from Unde

and takes her leae. Underwood turns

out the lights, places a pistol at his

temple, and fires. The report of the pistol awakens Howard from his drunk-

room and is met by Underwood's valet

The latter discovers the body, raises an

alarm and Howard is turned over to

"It's all a mistake, I tell you. It's

"Nice friend!" speered an onlooker.

"Tell that to the police," laughed

"Or to the marines!" cried a third.

"It's the chair for his'n!" opined a

By this time the main entrance hall

was crowded with people, tenants

and passersby attracted by the un-

wonted commotion. A scandal in high

tion seeker. Everybody excitedly in-

"What is it? What's the matter?"

Presently the rattle of wheels was

heard and a heavy vehicle driven furi-

ously, drew up at the sidewalk with

a jerk. It was the police patrol

wagon, and in it were the captain of

the precinct and a half dozen police-

men and detectives. The crowd

pushed forward to get a better view

of the burly representatives of the

law as, full of authority, they elbowed

their way unceremoniously through

the throng. Pointing to the leader, a

big man in plain clothes, with a

square, determined jaw and a bulldog

face, they whispered one to another:

"That's Capt, Clinton, chief of the

precinct. He's a terror. It'll go hard

with any prisoner he gets in his

Followed by his uniformed myr-

midons, the police official pushed his

way to the corner where sat Howard.

dazed and trembling, and still guard-

"What's the matter here?" demand-

ed the captain gruffly, and looking

from Ferris to the white-faced How-

ard. The valet eagerly told his story:

found my master, Mr. Robert Under-

of publicity he needed now that he

was wire-pulling for an inspectorship. They had caught the man "with the

goods"-that was very clear. He

promised himself to attend to the

rest. Conviction was what he was after. He'd see that no tricky lawyer

got the best of him. Concealing, as

well as he could, his satisfaction, he drew himself up and, with blustering show of authority, immediately took

command of the situation. Turning

to a police sergeant at his side, he

"Maloney, this fellow may have had

an accomplice. Take four officers and

watch every exit from the hotel. Ar-

rest anybody attempting to leave the

building. Put two officers to watch

"I came home at midnight, sir, and

ed by the valet and elevator boys.

quired of his neighbor:

all a mistake," cried Howard, almost

panic-stricken. "I'm a friend of Mr.

the police.

Underwood's."

another

clutches!

in the Astruria, an exclusive apartment

chum makes a business proposition to

## \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ Third Degree

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(Continued From Yesterday.)

Howard Jeffries, banker's son, under the roof. Go!" the evil influence of Robert Underwood, "Yes, sir," replied the sergeant, as

fellow-student at Yale, leads a life of he turned away to execute the order. Capt. Clinton gave two strides forward, and catching Howard by the colowned by his father. Forced to leave lar, jerked him to his feet.

"Now, young feller, you come with me! We'll go upstairs and have a look at the dead man."

Howard was at no time an athlete, and now, contrasted with the burly policeman, a colossus in strength, he seemed like a puny boy. His cringing, frightened attitude, as he looked up in the captain's buildog face, was pathetic. The crowd of bystanders could hardly contain their eagerness to take in every detail of the dramatic situation. The prisoner was sober by this time, and thoroughly alarmed.

"What do you want me for?" he cried. "I haven't done anything. The man's dead, but I didn't kill him." "Shut your mouth!" growled the

Dragging Howard after him he made his way to the elevator. Throwing his prisoner into the cage, he turned to give orders to his subord-

"Maloney, you come with me and bring Officer Delaney." Addressing the other men, he said: "You other fellers look after things down here. Don't let any of these people come upstairs." Then, turning to the elevator boy, he gave the command: "Up with her."

The elevator, with its passengers, shot upward, stopped with a jerk at the fourteenth floor, and the captain, once more laying a brutal hand on Howard, pushed him out into the cor-

If it could be said of Capt. Clinton that he had any system at all, it was to be as brutal as possible with everybody unlucky enough to fall into his hands. Instead of regarding his prisoners as innocent until found guilty. as they are justly entitled to be regarded under the law, he took the directly opposite stand. He considered all his prisoners as guilty as hell until they had succeeded in proving themselves innocent. Even then he had his doubts. When a jury brought in a verdict of acquittal, he shook his head and growled. He had the greatest contempt for a jury that would acquit and the warmest regard for a jury which convicted. He bullied and maltreated his prisoners because he firmly believed in undermining their moral and physical resistance. When by depriving them of sleep and food, by choking them, clubbing them and frightening them he had reduced them to a state of nervous terror to the border of physical collapse, he knew by experience that they would no longer be in condition to withstand his merciless cross-examinations. Demoralized, unstrung, they would blurt out the truth and so convict themselves. The ends of justice would thus

be served. Capt. Clinton prided himself on the thorough manner in which he conducted these examinations of persons under arrest. It was a laborious ordeal, but always succesful. He owed his present position on the force to the skill with which he browbeat his prisoners into "confessions." With his "third degree" seances he arrived at results better and more quickly than in any other way. All his convictions had been secured by them. The press and meddling busybodies called his system barbarous, a revival of the old time torture chamber. What did he care what the people said as long as he convicted his man? . Wasn't that what he was paid for? He was there to find the murderer, and he was going to do it.

He pushed his way into the apartment, followed closely by Maloney and the other policemen, who dragged along the unhappy Howard. The dead man still lay where he had fallen.

wood, lying dead in the apartment, shot through the head." Pointing to A Skin of Beauty is a coy Forever, Howard, he added: "This man was DR. T. Felix Gouraud's Oriental Cream or Magical Beautifier. in the apartment trying to get away. You see his hand is still covered with Capt. Clinton chuckled, and expanding his mighty chest to its fullest, licked his chops with satisfaction. This was the opportunity he had been looking for-a sensational murder in a big apartment hotel, right in the very heart of his precinct! Nothing could be more to his liking. It was a rich man's murder, the best kind to attract attention to himself. The sensational newspapers would be full of the case. They would print col-FERD. T. HOPKINS, From., 37 Brest Jones Street, New York umns of stuff every day, together with his portrait. That was just the kind

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no attempt to touch the corpse, merely satisfying himself that Underwood was dead. Then, after a casual survey of the room, he said to his sergeant:

"We won't touch a thing, Maloney, till the coroner arrives. - He'll be here any minute, and he'll give the order for the undertaker. You can call up headquarters so the newspaper boys get the story."

While the sergeant went to the telephone to carry out these orders, Capt. Clinton turned to look at Howard, who had collapsed, white and trembling, in-

"What do you want with me?" cried Howard appealingly. "I assure you I had nothing to do with this. My wife's expecting me home. Can't I go?" "Shut up!" thundered the captain.

His arms folded, his eyes sternly fixed upon him, Capt, Clinton stood confronting the unfortunate youth, staring at him without saying a word. The persistence of his stare made Howard squirm. It was decidedly unpleasant. He did not mind the detention so much as this man's overbearing, bullying manner. He knew he was innocent, therefore he had nothing to fear. But why was this police captain staring at him so? Whichever way he sat, whichever way his eyes turned. he saw this bulldog-faced policeman staring silently at him. Unknown to him, Capt. Clinton had already begun the dreaded police ordeal known as

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